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HEALTH PROFILES FOR PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

Northumberland

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a legislative mandate to "protect the health of the people of the Commonwealth and to determine the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease." In order to advance toward these goals, we need statistical information on the health status of the population, the health care delivery system, and demographic and population characteristics.

The first health profiles were published in 1977 to provide a compendium of health data. These profiles have been updated and revised biennially, starting in 1978, to better meet the needs of governmental leaders, health program specialists, state and local planners, and concerned citizens.

The Health Profiles for Pennsylvania Counties are a series of 68 individual profiles - one for each county and one for the Commonwealth. The most recent information available was used. The year which the data represents is included in the profiles following each data item. Estimated population figures for 1984 are used throughout the profiles for the listed population as well as in the computation of all rates.

The major data source is the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health - specifically the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, the Annual Hospital and Long Term Care Questionnaires, the Uniform Data Collection System for drug and alcohol information and the Developmental Disabilities Facility Questionnaire as funded by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Additional sources include other units of the Department, (i.e. the Bureaus of Quality Assurance, Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, and Special Public Health Services), Pennsylvania State Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Pennsylvania Office of Employment Security and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The profiles will continue to be updated biennially, with the next edition available in 1988. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108, telephone number (717) 783-2548.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Land Area in Square Miles	453	Median Age of Population (1980)	35.1
Estimated Population (1984)	100,205	% Population Urban (1980)	51.0
Population per Square Mile (1984)	221	Per Capita Personal Income (1983)	$9,470
% Population Change 1980 to 1984	- 0.2	% of Population Receiving Cash Assistance (1985)	4.1
Projected Population (1990)	100,145	% of Labor Force Unemployed-Annual Average (1985)	11.6
% Population Change 1980 to 1990	- 0.2	% of Pop. Eligible for Medical Assistance (1985)	8.0

Estimated Population by Age and Sex (1984)

AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ALL AGES	100,205	47,239	52,966	35-44	11,904	5,783	6,121
0-4	6,482	3,333	3,149	45-54	10,202	4,890	5,312
5-14	13,619	6,952	6,667	55-64	12,237	5,462	6,775
15-24	14,458	7,259	7,199	65+	16,991	6,491	10,500
25-34	14,312	7,069	7,243				

2. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES (1984)

Number of Marriages	815	Number of Divorces	322
Rate per 1,000 Population	8.1	Rate per 1,000 Population	3.2
Median Age of Bride	23	Median Age of Wife	31
Median Age of Groom	25	Median Age of Husband	33

3. NATALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Births	1,214
Rate per 1,000 Population	12.1
Median Age of Mother	24
% Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams)	5.3

Resident Births by Age of Mother, Number and Percent (1984)

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
ALL AGES	1,214	100.0	30-34	187	15.4
UNDER 15	0	—	35-39	49	4.0
15-19	182	15.0	40-44	9	0.7
20-24	430	35.4	45+	0	—
25-29	357	29.5	UNKNOWN	0	—

4. MORBIDITY (1985)

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Gonorrhea	35	Meningitis: Aseptic	10	Salmonellosis	18
Hepatitis: Type A	6	Meningitis: Meningococcal	0	Shigellosis	0
Hepatitis: Type B	4	Mumps	6	Syphilis	0
Hepatitis: Unspecified	0	Rubella	0	Tuberculosis	12
Hepatitis: Non-A/Non-B	1				

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

5. MORTALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Deaths	1,277	Number of Resident Infant Deaths	6
Crude Rate per 1,000 Population	12.7	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	4.9
Median Age at Death	74.6	Number of Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Accidents in Which Driver Had Been Drinking	9

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Number and Percent (1984)

All Ages			Under 5 Years of Age			5-24 Years of Age		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	537	42.1	Perinatal Conditions	2	20.0	Accidents, All Forms	13	72.2
Cancer	287	22.5	Congenital Anomalies	2	20.0	Suicide	2	11.1
Cerebrovascular Disease	117	9.2	Accidents, All Forms	2	20.0	Cancer	1	5.6
Accidents, All Forms	43	3.4	Heart Disease	1	10.0	Nephritis, Nephrosis	1	5.6
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	38	3.0	Septicemia	1	10.0			
All Other	255	20.0	All Other	2	20.0	All Other	1	5.6
TOTAL	1,277	100.0	TOTAL	10	100.0	TOTAL	18	100.0

25-44 Years of Age			45-64 Years of Age			65 Years of Age and Over		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	14	28.6	Heart Disease	101	45.3	Heart Disease	421	43.1
Cancer	12	24.5	Cancer	74	33.2	Cancer	200	20.5
Accidents, All Forms	12	24.5	Cerebrovascular Disease	6	2.7	Cerebrovascular Disease	111	11.4
Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	4	8.2	Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	6	2.7	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	35	3.6
Suicide	2	4.1	Suicide	5	2.2	Diabetes Mellitus	22	2.3
All Other	5	10.2	All Other	31	13.9	All Other	188	19.2
TOTAL	49	100.0	TOTAL	223	100.0	TOTAL	977	100.0

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. HOSPITALS (1985)

Number of Hospitals by Type:

Total	General Acute Care	Psychiatric	Rehabilitation	Federal	Other
2	2	0	0	0	0

Number of General Hospitals with the Following Ambulatory Care Services/Facilities:

Community Mental Health Center	0	Structured Clinics	0	Emergency Services Capability:	
Home Health Service	0	Family Practice Center	0	Limited 0	General 2
				Basic 0	Comprehensive 0

Number of General/Specialty Hospitals with Neonatal Units:

Well Infant Nursery	2	Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit	0	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	0

General Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	210	2.1
Admissions	7,038	70.2

Specialty and Federal Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	0	—
Admissions	0	—

Average General Hospital Semi-Private Daily Room Rate $147

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES (Continued)

2. NURSING HOMES [1984]

Licensed/Approved Facilities by Level of Care and Certification

Type of Facility	Total	Certified-Medicare	Certified-Medicaid
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	2	1	2
Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)	1	0	1
SNF/ICF Combined Facility	7	6	7
TOTAL	10	7	10

Level of Care	Number of Licensed/ Approved Beds	Number per 1,000 Population Aged 65 and Over
Skilled	433	25.5
Intermediate	609	35.8
Total (SNF + ICF)	1,042	61.3

Median Age of Residents in Long Term Care Facilities 83.5

Median Semi-Private Daily Room Rate
Skilled $63
Intermediate $58

3. OTHER HEALTH SERVICES/FACILITIES

a. Drug and Alcohol Treatment (1985)

Admissions to State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

Number of Facilities	Total Admissions	Primary Diagnosis: Drug Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Alcohol Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Other*	Percent First Admissions
8	344	101	227	16	39.6

Number of State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities Providing Specified Services

Inpatient Non-Hospital	Inpatient Hospital	Correctional Institution	Partial Hospitalization	Outpatient	Shelter
0	1	0	0	7	0

*Includes family members receiving counseling.

b. Emergency Health Services (1985)

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians	435	Certified Paramedics I	1
Ambulance Providers	12	Certified Paramedics II	6

c. Agencies/Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (1983)

Total Number of Agencies/Facilities 4

Total Serving the Following Disabilities:

Mental Retardation	4	Autism	1	Muscular Dystrophy	1
Cerebral Palsy	2	Learning Disabilities	2	Other	2
Epilepsy	2	Multiple Sclerosis	1		

d. Primary Health Care Centers (1985)

Number of Agencies 1

e. Licensed Boarding Homes (1985)

Number of Homes 6